

Bolivia Reported Opening Vast Areas To Reich Refugees

Homesteaders Offered 125 Acres and Other Inducements

By the Associated Press.

Word was received here yesterday that Bolivia had taken action that might open her vast empty spaces to thousands of refugees from Germany.

The Bolivian government has passed a resolution stating "that the frontiers of Bolivia are open to all the world, sane of body and mind, who desire to come to work the rich lands which are granted to them gratuitously."

Rich Land Is Offered.

Simultaneously it was learned the government has decided to offer homesteaders 50 hectares (about 125 acres) of land, free passage from the Bolivian frontier for immigrants and their families and free entry for their household belongings and agricultural tools. Most of the land set aside for colonization is reported to be rich but far from commercial centers and the frontiers.

Jewish immigrants agriculturally inclined could obtain specific permission to enter from the ministry of colonization.

Population About 3,000,000.

Bolivia, only landlocked South American republic, is equal in size to the combined States of California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, yet has a population of only slightly more than 3,000,000. Farming, grazing and mining are the chief occupations.

German, Czechoslovak, Polish and Rumanian citizens already have begun to trickle into the country.

Slain Girl's Family Has Sad Christmas

By the Associated Press.

KINGSTON, Pa., Dec. 24.—There was but a pretense of Christmas Eve cheer tonight in the home of Margaret Martin, 19, victim of a depraved slayer, who was buried today, nine years from the day of a mother's funeral.

Margaret was carried to a grave beside that of her brother, whom she watched die of a child's disease in 1929 at the age of 4. He, too, was buried the day before Christmas.

Friendly neighbors, whose sympathy helped the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, through a week of terror and fearful days and nights, hung simple Christmas decorations in the rooms where her body lay this morning.

They planned a Christmas dinner for the family tomorrow.

Margaret's brother and sisters have been staying at the home of relatives and friends since her nude body was found Wednesday crumpled in a mountain brook near Tunkhannock, 30 miles from here.

They will be at home tomorrow to exchange the gifts which they had planned before Margaret left home last Saturday in response to a telephoned offer of a stenographer's job.

Her slayer has not been found.

Probe 'Peeping Tom' Theory in Murder

By the Associated Press.

CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 24.—District Attorney E. M. Eagleton disclosed today he was investigating a theory that a "peeping tom" strangled Mrs. Mona Atterbury, 31-year-old widow, in her home Wednesday night.

Pressing an investigation after a coroner's jury found that Mrs. Atterbury died of strangulation "by a person or persons unknown," Mr. Eagleton reported he had learned of at least four recent "peeping tom" incidents in the residence section of the Atterbury home.

Dr. R. L. Atterbury, the dead woman's osteopath husband, testified at the inquest last night that he found her body at the foot of their home's cellar steps when he returned from a call on a patient.

Dr. Atterbury testified his wife carried \$12,500 in life insurance. He said he was named the beneficiary for \$7,000 of that amount.

Dr. and Mrs. Atterbury were married a year and a half ago.

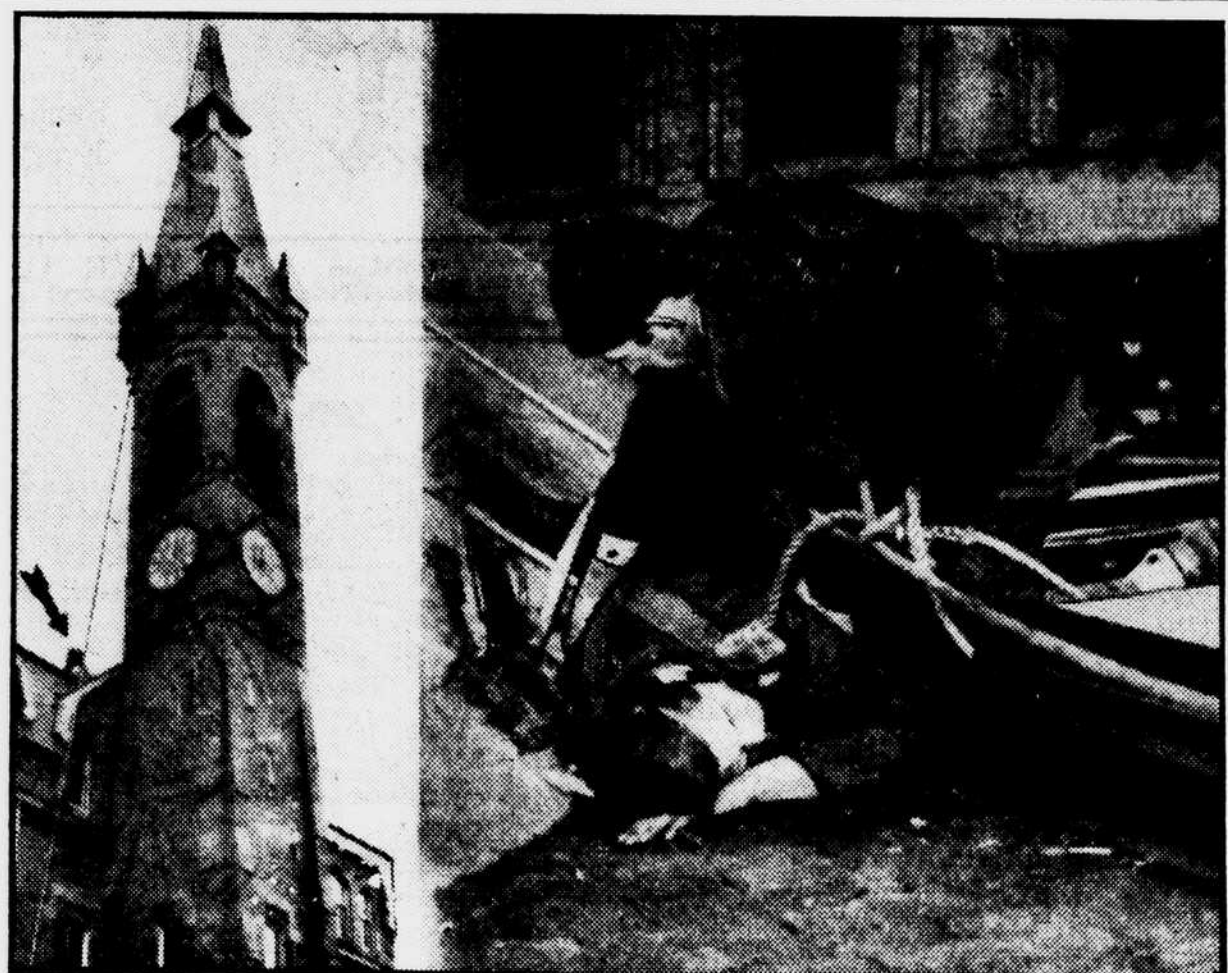
Lewis Weighs Resignation As Whip

SENATOR LEWIS.

Senator Lewis, Democrat, of Illinois, said yesterday he was considering resigning his post as Democratic whip of the Senate.

Senator Lewis said he had several legislative measures which he wished to push in the forthcoming session of Congress. He explained that as whip of the Senate he was prevented from attaching his name to any legislation because of the implied authority the whip fields in mustering support within party ranks for any administration measure.

Senator Lewis said Vice President Garner had asked him to retain his post so that the official lineup of the Senate would not be disturbed in the next session. Because of Mr. Garner's request, Senator Lewis said, he had made no final decision in the matter.



WORCESTER, MASS.—STEEPLEJACK FALLS—After he plunged 70 feet from tower (left) to sloping roof of a high school building yesterday, Andrew Anderson, steeplejack, was object of a dramatic 30-minute rescue to prevent him falling another 40 feet into street below. At left is a street view and at right a close-up of Alexander White working to aid the seriously injured man.

Wide Advances in Industry Predicted for New Year

Upturn in Last Months of 1938 to Continue, Expand, Trade Publication Editors Say

Special Dispatch to the Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (N.A.A.)—Wide advances in American industry in 1939 are generally forecast by editors of trade publications throughout the country, spokesmen for the industries and professions their journals represent.

Upturns that occurred in many fields in the last few months of 1938, offsetting depressed conditions in the earlier months, are expected to continue and expand in the coming year.

The opinions of the trade editors follow:

Joseph B. Mason, Eastern Editor, American Builder.—The stubborn lag in durable goods production will be greatly reduced in 1939 by a substantial increase in residential building and housing. An increase of from 25 to 35 per cent in private home building is indicated. The further addition of from 60,000 to 100,000 dwelling units by the United States Housing Authority should bring the total number of new homes for the year close to the 1929 total of 500,000.

Purchases by building operators in 1939 will stimulate all forms of durable goods production as well as transportation. An increase of \$155,000 residential units next year will create 310,000 man-hours of work at the building sites. It will create an additional 465,000 man-hours of work in factories, forests, mines and transportation.

Julian Chase, directing editor, Automotive Industries.—During 1939 it is likely that most passenger car manufacturers will show gains over 1938 sales.

It is generally believed that the most significant effect on automobile sales proceeds from the condition of the national income. Preliminary estimates of the national income produced during 1938 indicate that it will be larger than anticipated earlier in the year. This is a sound reason for believing that 1939 will show a satisfactory, but not spectacular, increase in automobile and automotive sales. Twenty-five per cent is a reasonable guess at this time.

A. W. Zelomke, economist, Fairchild Publications.—Activity in the textile-garment industries in 1939 will exceed that of 1938. The increase for the year may approximate at least 10 per cent above 1938. The gain in wool, rayon and men's clothing may be slightly greater than in cotton, silk and women's apparel. Total production will, however, fall short of the estimated increase for all industries. Whereas in 1938 these industries were in the vanguard as far as recovery was concerned, and were a contributing influence in the general business gain, next year they will probably move mostly with general business.

Retail output for 1939 is for an increase in sales above 1938 close to the estimated gain in income, which is about 7 1/2 to 10 per cent.

James H. McGraw, Jr., president, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc.—I believe that we can look forward to 1939 with a sober and well-grounded confidence. Losses in 1938 have been substantially cut, and a strong foundation has been laid for better earnings in 1939.

On the threshold of the new year we have as a backlog for confidence a business recovery already well under way; a sharp expansion in consumer purchasing power as a result of increased employment and pay rolls over the last six months; and a well-marked upturn in the heavy industries—particularly construction and steel. With that backlog, I cannot help but feel that the average businessman will find the prospects for better volume and profits during 1939 definitely brighter.

Ralph Smith, editor, Business Week.—Not since 1928 has the outlook at the beginning of any calendar year seemed so bright as it does now. Business has been moving upward fairly steadily and at a fairly brisk pace. For the full year, industrial output could easily be 20 per cent ahead of 1938, though perhaps not quite as high as 1937. Moreover, Government spending will be an important contributor to consumer purchasing power. The national income in the coming year might well approach or exceed the 1937 level of \$70,000,000,000.

Expansion of pay rolls and employment in the last six months has laid the base for a good year in retail trade. Consumer expenditures should begin to expand fairly rapidly in the spring, once confidence in employment returns. Installment volume should also begin to pick up sharply.

All in all, the outlook for 1939 is for a continuance of a rounded recovery.

George F. McLaughlin, editor Aero Digest.—Primarily because of unsettled political conditions in Europe,

the past year has been increasingly active in the field of American military aircraft construction. Orders from foreign countries for military airplanes will continue to keep most of our large manufacturing plants running near their full capacities during 1939.

The prospect that Congress will authorize the expenditure of sufficient money to develop our air power to an extent unparalleled in history augurs well for the American aviation industry. Commercial airlines will take delivery of several modern types of air transports during 1939. The largest airliners in the world will be put into service for transcontinental and transoceanic service.

Frank Gould, editor, Manufacturers' Record.—It is my opinion that business in 1939 will be better than it has been in 1938. There are already signs of improvement in what industry is planning, as evidenced by the bond issues it is successfully floating. The needs of the country have banked up and there is a vast field of encouragement. With any kind of encouragement, this demand will manifest itself and we should move forward. As we do, the idle will find employment, and while we may have to tighten our belts as the tax bill grows, we can make progress toward balancing the budget and paying the debt.

H. H. Brown, editor, Marine Engineering and Shipping Review.—Shipbuilding industry has set a new record in the volume of vessel tonnage under construction. Further expansion is definitely assured in 1939, for the orders for merchant vessels so far placed by the Maritime Commission, in conjunction with private operators, for its own account, barely meet the minimum requirements of the first year of the Government's 10-year replacement program.

Douglas G. Woolf, editor, Textile World.—The textile industry appears for 1939 with an entirely different outlook from that with which it entered 1938.

The textile curve of 1938 was slightly above "normal" (1923-25 average), but about one-fifth below the record year of 1937.

Every expectation points to a continuation of a good rate of activity through at least the first six months of 1939. At a fair estimate, the monthly activity during the period should approximate 120, or slightly below the rate for 1937. For 1939 as a whole, the best guess is that it should be well above "normal," say in the neighborhood of 115, on the 1923-25 average.

Godfrey M. Lebar, editor, Chain Store Age.—Chain store operators will enter the new year feeling far more optimistic than they did a year ago. Their optimism will be based upon two factors: The improved outlook for business in general and the growing opposition in responsible quarters to proposals like that of Congressman Wright Patman of Texas to destroy chain stores by levying special, punitive taxes against them.

L. C. Morrow, editor, Factory Management and Maintenance.—The manufacturing industries are due for better business in 1939. Principal favorable factors are: Pump-priming, improved labor relations, more independent Congress, present-day attitudes of management.

Early improvement will result from the aggregate of a large number of relatively small improvements in industrial plants. As never before, industry realizes that increased costs, due to higher labor rates, higher prices for materials and more taxes, must be offset by lowered production costs. Steps are being taken to provide better inventory control, better materials handling, more effective utilization of power and equipment.

Erik Oberg, editor, Machinery.—The machine building industries, and the machine tool industry in particular, have not had an exceptionally good year in 1938. The prospects for the coming year appear reasonably good. It is likely that there will be a fair amount of domestic business placed early in the year; furthermore, the Government's preparedness program will reflect favorably on activity in the machine tool and kindred industries.

Frank G. Steinhilber, editor, Foundry.—The foundry industry anticipates a slow increase in orders during the early portion of 1939. Because of the basic character of castings in practically every manufacturing operation and the improvements which have been made during recent years in the quality of malleable, steel and gray iron and non-ferrous castings, further recovery in practically every branch of industry will be reflected at once in foundry operations.

Machine tool foundries predict a gain of at least 25 per cent in 1939, and, with steel production possibly continuing the forward movement, foundries producing rolls and other mill equipment should enjoy a greater demand.

G. F. Nordenholt, editor, Product Engineering.—The year 1939 promises to be one of the busiest that the profession of engineering design has experienced, because of developments with reference to national defense as well as non-Government activities.

A number of manufacturers have expressed the opinion that, by the end of January, engineering activity will be as great as it ever was in 1937 and that, by June of next year, engineering departments will be operating at their peak.

Sidney D. Kirkpatrick, editor, Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering.—Several novel chemical fibers have recently been announced that are superior to any existing forms of rayon or natural textile materials. Within the past three months, approximately \$25,000,000 has been appropriated for the construction of new plants to make these products available during 1939.

Chemical industry, which in 1938 operated at approximately 110 per cent of its 1935 average, is looking forward to new advances in 1939. All-time records may well be established by plastics, rayon, synthetic organic chemicals, and petroleum products.

V. B. Guthrie, National Petroleum News.—The oil industry is regaining its stride, at the close of 1938, from the general slump of the early part of this year. A decline of 17 to 20 per cent in exports of crude oil in 1938 was a greatly improved position for the industry in 1939, provided that caution in the rate of operation of refining plants is maintained during the first quarter.

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Turnham Finney, editor, American Machinist.—Many influences are at work to insure better machine tool business in the first half of 1939. Automobile makers, now behind in deliveries to dealers, should assemble cars in substantially larger numbers. Steel operations should be well supported by automotive tonnage by enlarged building construction programs, and by users making consumer goods.

Large Army and Navy contracts should aid many metal-working companies.

Dr. L. V. Burton, editor, Food Industries.—Given a year of average weather, free from great extremes, in 1939, plus a reasonable stability of current prices, the earnings of the majority of the food companies will be moderate but satisfactory.

George H. Priest, Jr., vice president, American Paint Journal Co.—Given the new year feeling for the early fall to estimate an increase of 10 per cent in the industry's total volume in 1939 has revised this estimate upward during the past six weeks and are now looking for an increase of 15 per cent or more.

B. Williams, editor, Electrical World.—Barring an unforeseen business calamity, the indications are that the power output during each week of 1939 will be larger than the same week for any previous year. The increase in gross revenue, however, will not entirely reflect the increase in power output because a large part of the increase in 1939 will come from industrial load, which carries a smaller revenue per unit of output.

J. A. Gary, editor, Furniture Age.—Because furniture production is so closely tied to housing's straitened and housing is showing the greatest gains of any industry—20 per cent over 1937—and promise of still greater gains in 1939, furniture manufacturers and dealers face the new year with greater confidence than at any period since 1929.

H. C. Parmelee, editor, Mining and Engineering Journal.—The outlook for mining in 1939 is for improved conditions, at least during the first half of the year. Favorable to the mining industry are prospects for increased activity in construction, automobile manufacture, utility expansion, electrical manufacture, utility expansion. The current emphasis on armament is also a favorable factor, but one easily overemphasized. Inflationary recovery is the most vital influence in the welfare of metal mining.

Philip W. Swain, editor, Power.—Equipment manufacturers may expect also a substantial volume of business from industrial power plants in 1939. While the aggregate kilowatt-hour capacity of the industrial plants is considerably less than that of the central stations, the total money invested in generating equipment (including boilers for process steam) is much greater in the case of the industrial.

Amendment of the act is expected to be one of the foremost subjects for consideration at the coming session of Congress. It is expected that Senator Burke, a Democrat, will submit his proposed amendments in legislative form.

Republicans Gain Full Control of Keystone Senate

Democrat Resigns to Take Coroner's Post In Allegheny

By the Associated Press.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Retirement of a Democrat left Republicans today with numerical strength to organize the State Senate and thus make complete their return to power in Pennsylvania.

Control of the Senate was the only prize Republicans failed to wrest from the Democrats in the November election.

P. J. Henney of Allegheny County decided he would retain his post as county coroner and give up the Senate seat. His right to hold both had been questioned.

His action assured the forces of Governor-elect Arthur H. James the strength, 25-24, to organize the Senate, a power Democrats believed they held up to now.

Thus a clear path for Republican policies in the Legislature was opened for the first time since George H. Earle's "little New Deal" interrupted a 44-year Republican reign in 1934.

The House went Republican on the tide of James' huge vote but "holdover" Senators had given the Democrats a 26-24 edge in the upper chamber.

One of the listed Democrats, Wellington C. Heyn, transferred his allegiance to the Republicans recently in a statement of policy, bringing on a deadlock that could have—and would have—been broken by the vote of Democratic Lt. Gov. Thomas Kennedy.

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By the Associated Press.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 24.—J. T. Slater is a candidate for supervisor and this is the appeal, in part, sent to the voters of his township:

"I can't get a job anywhere so I can make good to get off relief."

"When one has made a failure in everything else he has tried he ought to make good at something."

"Now, if you want to vote for someone that has made a failure in most every walk of life, except telling the truth, vote for me."

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Sholl's Feeds Needy

More than 200 baskets of food were distributed yesterday by Sholl's Cafe to needy families in the city. Patrons gave names of needy cases and the cafe made the Christmas distributions.



AFTER THE RUSH WAS OVER—Even though many of the Government employees had left town for the holiday and men shoppers on Christmas Eve seemed to far outnumber women, John Zevgolis, a street vendor, found his wares sold out before nightfall yesterday. "Business was good," he said.—Star Staff Photo.

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Pan-American Parley To Be Shortest

When the Lima Conference comes to a close Tuesday it will be the shortest Pan-American conference on record, according to the Pan-American Union. Opened on December 9, the conference will have been in session only 18 days.

This is in marked contrast, Pan-American Union officials noted, with the First International Conference of American States, which lasted 6 months and 17 days. It met in Washington on October 22, 1889, and did not adjourn until April 19, 1890.

The style for short and snappy Pan-American meetings was not set until 1933, when the seventh conference, meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, closed its labors 23 days after it had opened. All the other international conferences of American States have lasted a month or more.

The second conference, held in Mexico City, lasted exactly three months, from October 22, 1901, to January 22, 1902. The date of the third conference, which met in Rio de Janeiro, in 1906, was 39 days, and the fourth conference, held in Buenos Aires, four years later, lasted 49 days.

Justice of the Peace Stanley A. Grendel, who tried the case, said there was insufficient proof that Spolsky had taken \$20 from a tavern proprietor on a promise of assistance in obtaining a liquor license.

Spolsky averred that the charge was preferred against him "to discredit the Dies Committee and blacken my character."

Testifying before the Dies Committee on alleged Communistic influences in Michigan sit-down strikes, Spolsky said that Sheriff Thomas C. Wilcox had threatened to discharge him if he appeared as a witness. The sheriff denied at the time that he had any such intention. Spolsky was discharged recently after he had been arrested on the charge of which he was acquitted today.

Syracuse Editor Dies

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24 (AP)—Harvey D. Burrill, president of the Syracuse Newspapers, Inc., and editor of the Syracuse Journal and the Syracuse Sunday American, died tonight after an illness of three months. He was 70 years old.